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Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Kollengode

* 1027 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received a memorandum from the Kollengode Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, requesting that the society may be permitted to function as an Agricultural Bank; and, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under the consideration of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies."

Kota-Goliyangadi and Brahmwar-Jannadi roads

* 1028 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri S. S. Kolkebail) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the action taken by Government on the representations made by the people of South Kanara to upgrade and improve the Kota-Goliyangadi Road and Brahmwar-Jannadi Road in Udipi taluk; and

(*b*) whether the Government have called for any estimate for improving these two roads and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The Member presumably refers to the representation made in his letters, dated 9th January 1954 and 17th July 1954. A reply to these has been sent in Government's letter No. 57874/54-L-V, dated 17th August 1954. No other representations have been received by the Government by the people of South Kanara on the subject.

" (*b*) Government do not call for estimates for improvements to the roads under the control of district boards."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" May I know the contents of the reply sent by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" A copy of the reply will be sent to the hon. Member."

Grant of loans for the purchase of bullocks

* 1029 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of applications received from the residents of the Perambalur Block Development area for loans for the purchase of bullocks;

(*b*) how many of these are from Harijans; and

(*c*) how many Harijans have so far been granted loans?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 409 applications were received.

" (*b*) Only 20 applications were received from Harijans. This is only an approximate figure as it is not possible to give the exact figure since the caste of each applicant is not generally noted in the application.

" (*c*) Out of the 8 loan cases sanctioned and paid so far, one is a Harijan."

SRI M. PALANIMUTHU :—" பிளாக் டெவலப்மெண்ட் ஏரியாவில் மாடுவாங்குவதற்கு தக்காவிக் கடன் கொடுப்பதில் செக்யூரிடி கேட்கிறார்கள். இதனால் விவசாயிகள் மிகவும் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். பெருவாரியான விவசாயிகள் ஹரிஜனங்களாக இருப்பதனால் அவர்களுக்கு இந்த செக்யூரிடி விஷயத்தில் தனிப்பட்ட சலுகைகள் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கடன் கொடுக்கிற விஷயத்தில் அரசாங்கம் வித்தியாசம் பாராட்டுவதற்கில்லை. இதுதான் அரசாங்கத்தின் முடிவு. "

SRI A. IYENAR :—" தக்காவிக் கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு அனேக நாட்கள் ஆகிவிடுகின்றன. ஆகையால் பெரும்பாலான ஹரிஜனங்கள் மிகவும் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு சலுகை கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அதை நான் கவனிக்கிறேன்."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that in the case of applications for loans, the concerned authorities insist upon the applications bearing survey and patta numbers of lands offered for security. Since these details are not easily available to agriculturists, will the Hon. Minister direct the authorities not to insist upon them in the applications? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid if these particulars are not furnished in the applications, the delay will be still more."

SRI M. PALANIMUTHU :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு தனிப்பட்ட சலுகை கொடுக்க முடியாது என்று சொன்னார். அதேகாலத்தில் பொருளாதாரத்தில் முன்னேற்றம் அடைந்தவர்களுக்கு மட்டும் தக்காவிக் கடன் உடனடியாகக் கொடுக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் கஷ்டப்படும் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு அவ்வாறு கொடுப்பதில்லை. இதை கவனிக்க டிபார்ட்மெண்டு அதிகாரிகளுக்கு உத்திரவு போடுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கடன் கொடுப்பது ஒரு விஷயம். மற்ற விஷயங்களை கவனிக்கும்போது ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு சலுகைகள் அளிக்கப்படுகின்றன. கடன் கொடுப்பது விஷயத்தில் ஏதாவது தவறு இருந்து ஹரிஜனங்கள் மனுப்போட்டால் சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை செய்யும்."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" What is the nature of security demanded in the case of the grant of takkavi loans and whether any reduction in security can be shown in the case of Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not have with me particulars regarding the security that is required for this purpose. I have already said that no difference can be made in the matter of furnishing security which is insisted upon in the case of these loans."

Irrigation Conservancy Subordinates' Association, Tanjore

* 1030 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Irrigation Conservancy Subordinate and Telephone Clerks' Association, Madras Public Works Department, Tanjore, regarding the revision of their basic scale of pay, dearness allowance, cycle allowance, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Attention is invited to the answer to starred Legislative Assembly Question No. 945 by Sri S. Venkatarama Ayyar, M.L.A., given on 26th February 1955."

Adulteration in foodstuffs

* 1031 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various kinds of adulteration in foodstuffs, that were detected in 1953, in Madras State;

(*b*) the number of cases detected; and

(*c*) the amount of fines collected?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" As the merchants are not afraid of adulterating foodstuffs as they earn more profit than the fine they have to pay for it, will the Government come forward to punish them severely and send them to jail? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Government cannot punish them. It is only the magistrate that can punish them."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government have recently passed legislation for increasing the imposition of fine and making the punishment more deterrent."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Are the Government aware that a cheap variety of oil called the white oil—which is a mineral oil—is mixed with coconut oil and other edible oils? Will the Government take steps to ban such adulteration? "

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